



Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

210 S Wesley STREET- Indianola, IA 50125
Weekend Mass Saturday 4:30 pm, 8:00 am, 10:15 am,
Tuesday- 6:00 pm mass

Daily Mass: WEDNESDAY-Friday 8:00 am
1st Tuesday of the Month at Good Samaritan Nursing Home 9:30 am
Simpson Masses start September

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Perpetual Adoration Wednesday from 9am to 9pm
And Friday mornings from 9:00am to noon.

ROSARY: Please join us in praying the rosary every Tuesday evening starting at 6:30pm in the church as we pray for peace, families and your special intentions. Also Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings the rosary is prayed at 7:40am.

Liturgy of Baptism: Parents are requested to call the Parish Office to arrange for pre-baptism sessions and must be registered with the church, one sponsor must be Catholic.

Liturgy of Marriage: Call at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements. Pre-Marriage Program is required.

Prayer Chain: Our parish has a prayer chain for special intentions. Requests can be for a anyone in need.
Prayer requests call Kris Gross 210-0169, Jackie Ward 515-250-7385 or Debbie McDaniel 240-0209

Care of the Sick & Shut-ins: Call to request the Sacrament of the Sick, the Eucharist or to be placed on the Prayer Chain.

Newcomers/Addresses: Register in person; call the Office for Appointment.

Change of Address: Notify the office when you change your address.

Bulletin Announcements: Information must be in by 4PM on Tuesday to Leasa Garrett-lcs3garr@yahoo.com

Sunday, September 17

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

130: Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— Claire Wiedmaier
& Shelby McCasland
5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

Monday, September 18

WEEKDAY

443: 1 Tm 2:1-8 Ps 28:2, 7-9 Lk 7:1-10
No 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas

Tuesday, September 19

WEEKDAY

444: 1 Tm 3:1-13 Ps 101:1-3, 5-6 Lk 7:11-17
6:00 pm Mass at St Thomas—Tom Duffy & Richie Krier
6:30 pm Rosary at St. Thomas

Wednesday, September 20

SAINTS ANDREW KIM, PAUL CHONG & COMPANIONS

445: 1 Tm 3:14-16 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 7:31-35
see 642A: Wis 3:1-9 or Rom 8:31b-39 Lk 9:23-26
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas—Evangeline Mangold
& Winston Sayre

Thursday, September 21

SAINT MATTHEW

643: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas— Gary Bianchi,
Gary & Vivian Elbert

Friday, September 22

WEEKDAY

447: 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-10, 17-20 Lk 8:1-3
8:00 am Mass at St Thomas— Pauline Ripperger
& Shelby McCasland

Saturday, September 23

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

448: 1 Tm 6:13-16 Ps 100:1-5 Lk 8:4-15 see 737-742, esp.
Gal 2:19-20 (740.5) Mt 16:24-27 (742.6)
[see Notitiae 435 vol. 38 (2002) – Num 10, p. 551]
3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 pm Mass at St Thomas—Robert O'Meara & Richie Krier

Sunday, September 24

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

133: Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a
8:00 am Mass at St. Thomas—For the people
10:15 am Mass at St. Thomas— Bill Thomas
& Shelby McCasland
5:00pm Mass at Simpson College

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Closed for lunch Monday-Friday (12 p.m.– 1 p.m.)
Parish Office: 515-961-3026 Website: stthomasindianola.com Facebook: St. Thomas Church, Indianola IA

For Emergencies contact the office 515-961-3026 when prompted push #7

Father Adam's Five for September 816—September 22:

1. This week we are welcoming one of our finalists for the Coordinator of Music Ministry position at St. Thomas. Cheryl Barnes will be sharing her musical talent with us and getting to know our team and our church family as we continue to discern the next steps forward for our Coordinator of Music Ministry position. Please continue to pray for our discernment, and please also add Cheryl to your prayer lists.
2. Cheryl would like to meet with some of the R.E. students on Wednesday, grades 4+. As you know, we are looking to bring together a children's choir, and this is the first step.
3. We've had a number of people request to join the church. If you are looking to join the church, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-NEW> and fill out the form. This is also how you can update your information with us.
4. We are calling for final applications for the Coordinator of Music Ministry position. This is a full-time position. For more information please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-CMM>. Our tentative goal is to make an offer to one of our candidates in the month of October.
5. As we ramp up the number of activities this fall, we will be increasing our communication via the church app. Please go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-APP> to install the app on your iPhone or Android device. Alternatively, you can go to <https://tinyurl.com/STA-MAIN> to see our homepage.

The next Gathering Table is **Monday Sept 18th 5:30-6:30**. Attached is the Sign Up Genius link please prayerfully consider helping in some way.

[Gathering Table: Gathering Table Sign-Up \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

We are so Blessed to have such a giving community. We thank you for always being so willing to help out with this mission.

Thank you and God Bless
The Gathering Table Committee

Breakfast With the Bishop - Join Us!

Head over to Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Atlantic on October 13, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. It's a chance to share a meal, and meet Bishop Joensen in support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This event will highlight Catholic Charities' important Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program, serving the southwest Iowa community.

DVSABreakfast.givesmart.com to register. We warmly welcome walk-ins as well. For additional information or queries, please reach out to Emily Klisares at 515-237-5078 or via email at eklisares@catholiccharitiesdm.org.



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Prayer List

For all those in need.

Carol Proctor, Deanna Bahr, Duffy Metz,
Doug Andreasen, Ed Leinen, Jean Veasman,
Mike Metz, Patrick Shandley, & for the Souls in Purgatory

Please contact Jackie Ward at jjward71@gmail.com or
515-250-7385,

Kris Gross at 210-0169 or Debbie McDaniel at 240-2029
to put someone on the Prayer Chain. They will notify the rest
of the group to start immediate prayers for
you or your loved one in need.

We would like to offer a prayer shawl to parishioners who are ill
or in need of comfort.

The shawls were prayed over when created. Please make your
request through one of the prayer chain leaders.

Please contact Leasa Garrett (961-3026) to add a name
to the list published in the bulletin.

Names will remain on the list for a month unless
you indicate otherwise.

INNERVISIONS HEALTHCARE
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT



St. Thomas is going to be taking part in the a Baby Bottle Campaign for InnerVisions HealthCare, a local unplanned pregnancy and STD medical clinic. Their mission is to empower women in vulnerable situations to choose parenting or adoption. During the weekend of October 7th and 8th, you'll find baby bottles in the gathering space; please take a bottle, fill it with change, cash, or checks and return it on the weekend of October 14th and 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Bryan Gonzalez at 515.280.4706. To learn more about their two clinics and life-affirming mission, visit www.ivhcare.org. We're grateful for Caldwell Parrish Funeral Home for underwriting the InnerVisions baby bottle campaign this year!

Anyone wishing to write to Connor Lynch while he is in Rome, the mailing address is:

Connor Lynch
Pontifical North American College
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HOLY MOMENTS



During the next year we will be sharing ideas for "Holy Moments" each week in the bulletin. Matthew Kelly defines a Holy Moment in his book, *Holy Moments* as, "...a single moment in which you open yourself to God." They are usually small and simple--a moment of prayer, awareness of a beautiful sunset, or a random act of love or kindness which increases God's love and joy in your life. The STAT group will be focusing on these same moments of intentional holiness each week. We hope you take an opportunity to find and create these moments of grace in your life.

This week's Holy Moment Focus: Listen to Christian music when you're in the car this week

- 107.1 or 101.7
- Spotify: Elevation Worship

Grief Support Group Understanding Your Grief

The Understanding Our Grief support group meetings will be held at the Good Samaritan Meadow Glen, every third Wednesday of the month, at 4:30 p.m. everyone is welcome, not necessary to sign up, just come. For more information or questions contact Vicky Oberheim-Vorwald 515-371-2609

*You are cordially invited to a
Family Celebration of Our Prairie*

Saturday, September 30

5:30-7:00 P.M.

*Presentation by Kelsey Longnecker on
The Spirituality of Nature*

Bonfire with food/drinks provided

Kids' Activity – Prairie Blazing Star Craft

Unveiling of new prairie meditation signs

Please bring lawn chairs

*Sign up in the back of church or online at
creationcornersta@gmail.com*

Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God's great gift to us,
Mother Earth



*"...we must recognize
our grave duty to hand
the earth on to future
generations..."*

—Pope Benedict XVI

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Consider zero-waste options for picnics, BBQ and camping meals. Reusable items add a touch of class, sensibility and significantly reduce waste. Use lightweight reusable plates, utensils, bowls, cups and cloth napkins. Get creative with packaging. Reusable containers? Of course. What about Mason jar desserts? Go heavy on finger foods: cut vegetables and mixed nuts. Wipe off food when finished and use a washable cloth bag to hold used dinnerware for dishwashing later. Reserve a bag for recyclables and a container for compostables. If you must go disposable, use biodegradable paper products instead of plastic. Ditch the straws. Use a large thermos for drinks. Take other beverages in metal or glass containers and recycle. Skipping bottled water saves money and the environment.

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